

## Dancing Masters to Place Ban on the Shimmy and Jazz Music

Shivery Syncopations to Be Replaced by the New "Internationale."

### WILL BATTLE "JAZZ EVIL"

Annual Convention Is Held in New York to Perfect New Steps for Season.

**NEW YORK**, Aug. 23.—Already the country's foremost dancing masters are ready to offer a new step—or a series of them—to take the place of this discarded shimmy. It is well known as the Internationale, because it contains a step representing all of the allied nations.

The Internationale is quite popular, as Oscar Duray demonstrated it, "and above all, it is moral."

"You see, just take two steps forward, then three quick halting steps—left foot to the right, right foot to the left, then back again. Do this repeatedly. That is army steps. Repeat the same to the left side. That is navy steps. Then two steps, military effect, to the right angle forward. That is the military touch of France."

"Put in a few recognized variations and you have the Internationale."

**NEW YORK**, August 23.—Shifty shivery shimmy syncopations are ending jazz music and putting up-to-date dances in their place, most of them. This was the unanimous opinion expressed today by dancing masters from every part of the United States who assembled here to attend the annual convention of the national association of masters of dancing.

Not only do the instructors who represent the highest class academies in the country insist that the jazz evil be banished by means of syncopation, but they will formally join forces with welfare bureaus and in the larger cities to ban those thrilling wiggles of modern times from both public and private hall rooms.

**More Moral Steps.**

The steps and glides that have grown out of the syncopating jazz music of today will be replaced by more graceful and more moral steps to the time of a tempo—"a happy medium between the colonial minuet and the shimmy."

"Imperial dancing has gone as far in one direction as an impatient public will permit," it was declared yesterday by Elton E. Jackson, the president of the association. "Elton says dancing masters must educate the people to discard suggestive movements in the ballroom or jocosely alarmed parents will demand that the police abolish all dancing just as they have abolished John Harvey. Do you call the shimmy dangerous? Well, I'll tell you the story of that dance. It was first discovered four years ago in a negro dance hall in Chicago. Several instructors saw the negroes going through the movements and seeing an opportunity to make money, introduced it in society."

"You can't reform dancing, though, until you reform music. abolish the jazz, that horrible melody of cow bells, drums and wash boilers. Modern music compels you to adopt those jerky steps and we intend to introduce a tempo to take the place of these syncopations."

**Woman Police Aid.**

"Women police in every large city in the country have been trying in vain to fight this evil and we are now going to help them. We will establish an information bureau in Waltham, Mass., where our secretary, George F. Walters, will distribute pictures and literature describing what is proper dancing and what is not, upon request. The we-

**Julian Eltinge at Convention Hall.**

The costumes worn by Julian Eltinge, who appears at the Convention hall Tuesday, August 26, are made by some of the smartest dressmakers in the world, and he has thought nothing of spending four or five thousand dollars for an outfit.

In makeup he wears a woman's No. 4 shoe and out of makeup he wears a man's No. 7, which he says has developed the keenest string of points in the world.

He has three wives who squeeze him into corsets and things that at one time threatened to cause a dislocation of the backbone that would have proven dangerous. These (Japanese) are trained to their work, so that he frequently makes a change of costume in 10 seconds, he appears as a bride and leaves the stage and in less than one minute is back on the stage dressed as a fashionable man.

Eltinge says: "It is very, very hard work—but it pays," and as he wants to buy an attractive set of furniture or so from a "Noble but impoverished" family who holds it at \$10,000 or \$15,000, he says he will continue to try to amuse the public for awhile longer.



shivers workers really do not know everything. But the dance has been placed for dancing in immorality."

Miss Lucia Haines of New Orleans pointed to the fact that throughout the country there is a determined movement to reform dancing or banish it.

"This movement is more widespread than people suppose," she said. "The Fox theater and some other will be taken into objection and other features will be taken from even these dances. The modern stage is partly to blame."

Theatrical managers seem determined to make professional dances as above mentioned, and add beauty to the stage, while making them more attractive and interesting. Thousands of dollars are being wasted each year to pay for dancing set designs. We intend to make dancing set designs that the audience will not have anything to do with."

In this she was enthusiastically supported by Thomas McMillen of Pittsburgh and Miss F. K. Madison, Mrs. Max Gay, chairman of the International Association of American Stage Directors, both of whom are members of the National Council of American Drama, as nothing but an adaptation of the modern stage.

We are establishing a national school for music and dancing and it will be well received by all throughout the country. It is well understood that the government would have succeeded during census time in a great many of the smaller educational centers. This should become part of the curriculum of all schools.

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A Japanese inventor has patented a device employing balloons to help raise women's breasts.

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### VACATIONIST BURGLAR ON JOB IN N. Y. STATE

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From time to time in the last two weeks owners of "flivvers" have missed various parts of their machines. Hamsters, thermos bottles and other vacation needs have also disappeared. The police attribute the disappearance to some one anxious to take a vacation cheaply, so far as the "rapping swindlers" idea has not been disturbed.

**Ship Casey Will Be Launched.**

A small ship will be launched this week at the Hog Island shipyards.

The ship will measure 100 feet long and 20 feet wide.

The hull will measure 80 feet long and 16 feet wide.

The ship will be built of steel and will be driven by a motor.

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